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1. INFORMATION FROM "HARE".
2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF "SITSILLA's" EMPLOYMENT IN THE "EDITORIAL OFFICE" (1944)

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 748

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To VIKTOR. [1]

~~MAJ~~ ZAYATs [ii] advises that ^{at} the end of April SFORZA [iii] asked the BANK's ~~MAJ~~ [iv] permission to return to the COUNTRY [STRANA] [v], where, in his opinion, he would be more useful in popularising Italy. ~~MAJ~~ ~~MAJ~~ LUN' [vi] recommended him to remain in Italy.

must Sanction as an exceptional case SITSILLA's [vii] going to work for the EDITORIAL OFFICE [REDAKTSIYA] [viii] for two weeks. Has worked in the RADIO STATION [RATSIIYA] [ix], used to send information [from] [a] SMYRNA [SMIRNA] [x], the COUNTRY HOUSE [DACHA] [xi] and our information. Just recently has been working with [b] RUR [o].

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~~MAJ~~ [MAJ] [vii]

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Notes: [a] Inserted by the translator. The precise meaning of the sentence from this point onwards is obscure.

[b] Or "for". The preposition is not expressed.

[c] Possibly "Russian War Relief [RASHIAN WAR RELIF]".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] HARE : Maurice HALPERIN.

[iii] SFORZA : Count Carlo SFORZA, became member of the new Italian Government in April 1944.

[iv] BANK : the U.S. State Department.

[v] COUNTRY: the U.S.A.

[vi] HEN-HARRIER: Cordell HULL.

[vii] SITsILLA: Possibly William E. DODD, Jr.

[viii] EDITORIAL OFFICE: TASS News Agency.

[ix] RADIO STATION: the Office of War Information.

[x] SMYRNA : MOSCOW.

[xi] COUNTRY HOUSE: the U.S. Embassy in MOSCOW.

[xii] MAY : Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN, Soviet Vice-Consul in NEW YORK.

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